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SUBJECT: Captured Document Exploitation.

TO : The Commanding General, Army Service Forces, War Department,  
Washington 25, D. C. (Attention: The Director of Intelligence,  
Room 3-E-588, Pentagon Building.)

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5. It would be very much appreciated if you would detail by 1 October 1944 two officers with the qualifications mentioned above for duty with the MID to assist in the exploitation of captured Japanese documents for technical intelligence. The results of this research will, of course, be made available to you.

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